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**From:** Woolford, James  
**Sent:** Wed 1/13/2016 11:12:43 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Rep. Mark Amodei - List of Questions Regarding Anaconda Mine in Advance of Scheduling a Briefing for the Congressman

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**From:** Manzanilla, Enrique  
**Sent:** 1/13/2016 2:25 PM  
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**Cc:** Tenley, Clancy; Herrera, Angeles; Moutoux, Nicole; Ball, Harold; Lindsay, Nancy  
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FYI.

We will work with you all on several of these questions.

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**From:** "Maier, Brent" <Maier.Brent@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Rep. Mark Amodei - List of Questions Regarding Anaconda Mine in Advance of Scheduling a Briefing for the Congressman

All –

I reached out to Jason Riederer earlier today who is the Legislative Director for Congressman Mark Amodei regarding their interest in setting up a briefing with the Congressman on Anaconda. As you will see below, the Congressman would like us to provide written responses to a list of 11 specific questions before a briefing is scheduled. They would like to schedule a call or in-person briefing before January 27<sup>th</sup> if possible. I will be working with the Congressman's scheduler, Rachel Provost, to schedule a day/time that will work.

Please keep me apprised of our progress in responding to the list of questions, as I would like to send them back to their office before we schedule a call. Thanks.

Brent Maier

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 12:39 PM

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**Cc:** Provost, Rachel <[Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rachel.Provost@mail.house.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Question Regarding U.S. EPA Briefing on Anaconda Mine

Hi Brent,

Thanks for following-up on this. The Congressman would like to schedule a conference call or in-person briefing before January 27<sup>th</sup> (our last session day of the month), to discuss the Anaconda mine site. Rachel is copied and can work with you on scheduling a date and time. But Congressman Amodei has a list of 11 specific questions he wanted to have answered beforehand (within the next week if possible).

- 1) What has been the appropriations source for the Superfund program within the last 10 years? Does the program require an annual appropriation and does it require an annual or multi-year reauthorization?
- 2) How many clean-up projects (sites on the NPL) have been funded within the past 10 years?
- 3) How many sites are currently in the queue to be cleaned-up? How many of these are still awaiting funding?
- 4) What is the reasoning for moving so quickly to add the Anaconda mine site to the NPL now?
- 5) How are sites ranked/compared to determine which ones the EPA proposes to add to the NPL?
- 6) If the Anaconda mine site is added to the NPL, do we expect to receive a dedicated funding source to begin clean-up immediately?
- 7) What groundwater monitoring has been conducted at the site by EPA within the last 8 years, and when? Does the EPA believe it has enough data on the groundwater? Has this data provided a clear result which led to this proposed action?
- 8) How many EPA project managers have overseen the site in the past 8 years? Is this number larger or smaller than compared to other proposed sites?
- 9) Has the EPA incentivized BP or Arco to conduct any clean-up activities on their own, or in conjunction with the EPA?
- 10) Why are parcels owned by Arimetco separate from the rest of the site?
- 11) If the site is added to the NPL, does the Walker River Paiute Tribe or any other nearby stakeholders receive any sort of compensation?

Thank you for addressing each one of these, and please call if you have any questions. Also, the Congressman expressed interest in visiting again in San Francisco within the next few months so we'll coordinate in the future on possibly getting that additional meeting setup as well. Thanks again, Brent, and we look forward to discussing soon.

Jason

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 1:59 PM  
**To:** Riederer, Jason  
**Cc:** Provost, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Question Regarding U.S. EPA Briefing on Anaconda Mine

Jason –

Just a quick note to follow up on our offer for a briefing on Anaconda Mine. I have set up a call to brief Sen. Dean Heller's staff on the Eureka Smelter and Anaconda Mine for next Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and noticed that you had accepted the invite. I may have added you to that calendar invite, and you are certainly welcome to participate, but realize that we were going to try and set up something that worked for Congressman Amodei's schedule so he could join the briefing. Please let me know whether you and/or Rachel were looking at any other times that would work for Congressman Amodei, or were you expecting the Congressman to join us for the Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> briefing we are doing for Sen. Heller's staff. My apologies if I mistakenly added you to my briefing offer to Sen. Heller's office.

We would be happy to set up a separate briefing on Anaconda with Congressman Amodei since you were already briefing on Eureka Smelter and we would be covering some of the same information on next Tuesday's call. Please let me know.

I am attaching the materials we would be using in our briefing on Anaconda for your reference.

Regards,

Brent Maier

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**Subject:** RE: Anaconda Mine

Hi Brent,

The Congressman and I spoke briefing about the letter this morning. I know he'll want to be included in any upcoming briefing on the issue. Perhaps Rachel and I can be in touch when we have a better understanding on what this week's vote times will be. Is it possible to

setup a meeting/conference call perhaps later in the week, or next week?

Thanks,

Jason

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**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 1:30 PM

**To:** Riederer, Jason

**Subject:** RE: Anaconda Mine

Jason –

Hope you had a great New Years. I wanted to check in to see if you might have some availability on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for a call with my Superfund Division colleagues to discuss with you our letter to Governor Sandoval proposing to add the Anaconda Copper Mine site to the NPL. If you have some time on that date, please let me know and I can check on my colleagues' availability and confirm with you.

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**From:** Maier, Brent

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2015 2:36 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Anaconda Mine

Jason –

I am back after taking some time off and wanted to see what your availability would be for next Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for a call with my Superfund Division colleagues to discuss with you our letter to Governor Sandoval proposing to add the Anaconda Copper Mine site to the NPL. If you have some time on that date, please let me know and I can check on my colleagues' availability and confirm with you.

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**Subject:** RE: Anaconda Mine

Thanks Brent. Happy holidays and we'll reconnect in the New Year.

Jason

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**To:** Riederer, Jason  
**Subject:** RE: Anaconda Mine

Jason –

Thank you for your message and I have forwarded your interest for an update on Anaconda to my Superfund Division colleagues. I am out of the office on annual leave until Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, and let them know that if they wish to reach out to you before my return to the office, they can do so, or I can follow up with you on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to set up a call when I return to the office. Thanks.

Regards,

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**Subject:** Anaconda Mine

Hi Brent,

Thanks again for holding the conference call yesterday on Eureka. Very informative and I appreciate the update. I was hoping I could also schedule an update with you sometime between now and mid-January to receive an update on the EPA's efforts in Yerington with the Anaconda mine. I know it's a priority for the Governor's office, the community, and other business interests there so we just wanted to learn more about how that effort is progressing.

Thank you again and happy holidays,

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